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Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I know how the information about the number of political prisoners in this province is not already with the Government, considering that the Government of India recently gave out the information?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"As a matter of fact, the difficulty is that some of these men are coming into the prisons and others are being released."

Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar:—"Is the hon. the Law Member aware that one political prisoner suffering from dysentery is now being treated in the main hospital in Bellary?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"I am not aware."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—"In answer to a supplementary question, the hon. Member said that the Government had no information with regard to the death of a prisoner in the Trichinopoly Jail. May I know whether the Government is so irresponsible with regard to the lives of people who are in jail?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"The Government is fully responsible, Sir, for the lives of the people in jails."

Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar:—"When courts of law take judicial recognition of certain public opinions, is it not possible for Government to take judicial note of the general medical opinion in favour of giving butter-milk to people suffering from dysentery?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"I do not know how the question of butter-milk comes into this question."

The number of political prisoners who have suffered from dysentery since April 1930.

*60 Q.—Mr. K. Koti Reddi: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the number of political prisoners in the various jails of the Presidency who have suffered and are suffering from dysentery since April 1930?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer to clause (a) of Question No. 59.

Rules for the appointment of visitors to jails.

*61 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a rule now that persons wearing khaddar or Gandhi caps may not be appointed as visitors to jails, and if so, the reasons for it; and

(b) whether the relatives and friends of prisoners are not allowed to visit them in the jails, if they wear khadi or 'Gandhi' caps, and if so, the reasons for it?

A.—(a) The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative. The second part does not arise.

(b) The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative. The second part of the question does not arise.

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Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" May I know whether Mr. Veera Mallappa, a non-official visitor to the Bellary Jail, was relieved of his office on the question of dress ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" Sir, in the answer to clause (*b*), it is said, 'the answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative.' Does it mean that they are allowed ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Yes, Sir. It means that the relatives and friends of prisoners are being allowed to visit the jail."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed :—" May I know if there is no rule with regard to the prohibition of persons wearing khaddar or Gandhi caps being appointed as visitors to jails ; are any instructions issued to officers who recommend these visitors ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" No instructions either way. Because there is no need to issue any instruction."

Mr. C. Satyanarayana Choudari :—" May I know from the hon. the Law Member whether the relatives and friends of prisoners are allowed to visit the jails irrespective of their dress when they make the application ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" They are allowed."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" There seems to be some difficulty in the matter of dress. Has the hon. the Law Member ascertained the fact from the Inspector-General of Prisons ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" So far as I am aware, he has not issued any instructions, and certainly there is no rule to that effect. When my hon. Friend is wearing a Gandhi cap here, I shall not be justified in issuing any instruction against it."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—" May I know if the hon. the Law Member will issue instructions to the Inspector-General to cancel the order if he has issued any to that effect ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I am not prepared to answer a hypothetical question."

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Dacoity committed in January 1930 on the Arni-Wandiwash road.

* 62 Q.—Mr. C. R. Parthasarathi Ayyangar : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was a dacoity committed on 3rd January 1930 on the Arni-Wandiwash road of North Arcot district ;

(*b*) whether the Police arrested some persons on the 13th and 14th of the same month in connexion with the above crime and whether their investigation was complete by the 20th January and whether the accused persons were committed to the Sessions and took their trial in August and were acquitted in Sessions Case No. 20 of 1930 ; and

(*c*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to call for a report from the District Magistrate of North Arcot as to why there was such a delay of seven months ?